DRAFT BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS March 17, 2005 Meeting

Members Present:

Others Present:

Carol Champagne

Trevor Hunt, Chairman
Carlton Gardner
Lowell Martin
Chris Crovo
David Bartlett
Richard Moffitt
Alan Frasier
Teresa Trott

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

General Administration:

Meeting Minutes: Carlton Gardner made a motion to accept the February 18, 2005 minutes, David Bartlett 2nd. The minutes were accepted as amended.

ABC Conference Report: David Bartlett gave his report on the ABC Conference he and Beth Pratte attended. They attended the workshops that were offered and met people from other states. More and more states are coming on line with various programs.

ABC Board of Directors appointed Kathy Cook, from the Ohio Water Environmental Assoc., to serve the remainder of the 2005 term of the vice president.

Operator enforcement – ABC on line examination issues – WEF current educational programs – Organizational partners in Certification – AWWA Education resources – Wastewater and Drinking Water Issues – H2S toxicity causing severe medical problems – FBI Security Issues – Revocations licenses (timeframe) – Swipe cards for ID's and their problems – Licensing language – Tampering with water systems (there are still threats). These are some of the workshops offered.

Next years ABC Conference will be held in Las Vegas.

Financial:

Collected:

Jan \$3,785 Feb. \$3,420.

Total \$7,205.

Billed ERG \$13,855.

Expenses totaled \$21,250.15

Outstanding ERG Bills \$13,855 Reimbursements \$6,600.

Begin 2005 Fiscal Year \$20,246.73 Collected \$23,715.00 Expenses \$22,711.58 End Fiscal Year 2004 \$21,250.15

<u>Renewals:</u> Fifty six operators have not renewed their licenses yet. As of March 2, 2005 those operators are inactive.

The non-compliance letter will give them a 30 day grace period.

The updated TCH listing was handed out to the Commission members.

Exams: April 5 - 7, 2005, there are 16 people scheduled for Presque Isle and 136 in Augusta.

The new Multiple Entry is working very well. There are 39 Multiple Entry booklets ordered for the April exam.

Old Business:

Rule Change Status: The Rule Change is in the works and has gone to Tera Tower for review.

<u>ERG Request for Proposals:</u> Three contracts have been awarded and signed.

<u>Sub-Committee updates:</u> Terry Trott and Lowell Martin have gone over the VSWS exam and requested changes in the exam from ABC. ABC received the request in time for the new April exams.

<u>TCH's:</u> Terry Trott handed out the listings, of approximately 300 plus, of courses that have been approved since 2002. Not including the courses put on by MRWA, JETCC or MWUA. The list is divided into Management, Operations and Safety.

ABC Distribution Workshop: ABC has asked for training specialist to help April 9 and 10, 2005 in Providence RI. One person from Old Town has volunteered to go.

<u>Future TCH Reporting/Tracking:</u> We are looking at new Software that would be able to keep a more update tracking. Hopeful it will be in the next coming year.

Operator Updates: None

Carlton Gardner requested Executive Session and Lowell Martin 2nd it. Passed. 11:03. Carlton Gardner voted out of Executive Session and Chris Crovo 2nd it. Passed. 11:25.

David Bartlett had a question on Well Head Protection funds available to small systems. Sunday River Association is requesting financial help for their systems.

Lowell Martin made a motion to adjourn and Carlton Gardner 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.